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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF POLISH STATEMENT ON AGENDA AS MADE
IN ENGLISH MAY 17 BY POLISH REP STRULAK. BEGIN TEXT.

1. PERMIT ME TO EXPRESS OUR SATISFACTION THAT WE HAVE NOW
THE POSSIBILITY TO ENTER NEW IMPORTANT STAGE IN OUR CONSULTATIONS
DURING WHICH WE SHALL DISCUSS AND ELABORATE PROPOSALS CONCERNING
THE AGENDA OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES
AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

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2. JUDGING BY THE GENERAL STATEMENTS HEARD HERE EARLIER THIS WEEK, THERE IS A COMMON FEELING THAT THE PAST THREE AND A HALF MONTHS OF OUR CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN PRODUCTIVE. WE HAVE DONE QUITE A DEAL OF WORK, BEING ABLE TO REACH UNDERSTANDING ON THE POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS OF POSSIBLE AGREEMENTS RELATING TO CENTRAL EUROPE AND ON THE EXTENSION OF THE ADOPTED PROCEDURES TO THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS. WE HAVE ALSO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF IMPORTANT ISSUES BEFORE US. IF WE ADD TO THIS THE HIGH DEGREE OF INTEREST IN THE FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE CONSULTATIONS, THEN WE CAN ASSERT THAT WE HAVE NOW AT HAND ALL NECESSARY PREMISES TO START WORKING ON AN AGENDA WHICH IN A CLEAR AND CONCISE MANNER WOULD DETERMINE THE OBJECTIVE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. OUR TASK IS FACILITATED BY A NUMBER OF EVIDENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN EUROPE. OUR GENERAL STATEMENTS HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE SUPPORT OF ALL THE DELEGATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE VIENNA CONSULTATIONS FOR THE POSITIVE TRENDS TOWARDS DETENTE, NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE, MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE NATIONS OF OUR CONTINENT.

4. AT THE SAME TIME THE DEBATE ILLUSTRATED A SERIOUS CONCERN OF OUR GOVERNMENTS AND NATIONS OVER THE PRESENT STATE OF MILITARY CONCENTRATION, PARTICULARLY IN CENTRAL EUROPE. WE WERE UNANIMOUS IN OUR OPINION THAT THE REALITIES OF THE PRESENT DAY POINT TO THE NECESSITY OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND OF THE ELIMINATION FOREVER OF THE POSSIBILITY OF WAR ON OUR CONTINENT.

5. HAVING ALL THIS IN MIND, WE ENTER THE NEW STAGE IN OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CLARITY OF PURPOSE.

6. SINCE OUR TASK NOW IS TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE AGENDA FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS, PERMIT ME, MR. CHAIRMAN, TO EXPLAIN THE POSITION OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ON THIS MATTER.

7. OUR ATTITUDE IS BASED UPON THE PROGRAM WORKED OUT JOINTLY BY THE STATES OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY IN THE DECLARATION ON PEACE, SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, ADOPTED IN JANUARY
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1972 BY THE PRAGUE MEETING OF THE POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE STATES - PARTIES TO THE WARSAW TREATY. THIS DECLARATION EMPHASIZED, INTER ALIA THAT ".... THE QUESTION OF REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN EUROPE, BOTH FOREIGN AND NATIONAL, SHOULD BE SOLVED IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT DIMINISH THE SECURITY OF STATES WHICH ARE TO TAKE PART IN SUCH A REDUCTION".

8. THIS BASIC POSITION EMPHASIZES THE APPROACH OF THE SOCIALIST STATES TO THE AGENDA OF THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS.

9. GENERALLY SPEAKING, THE FUTURE AGENDA SHOULD IN OUR VIEW - WITHOUT GOING INTO UNNECESSARY DETAILS - CONTAIN THE BASIC ISSUES WHICH WILL BE FACED BY THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, NAMELY THE SUBJECT OF SUCH NEGOTIATIONS, THE AREA WHICH WILL BE COVERED BY POSSIBLE AGREEMENTS, AND THE LEADING PRINCIPLE OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY WHICH SHOULD UNDERLINE ALL SUCH AGREEMENTS.

10 THE QUOTED PRAGUE DECLARATION OF THE POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WARSAW TREATY AND A NUMBER OF OTHER DECLARATIONS BY THE SOCIALIST STATES HAVE AMPLY EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS. THIS WAS ONCE AGAIN STRESSED IN THE PAST FEW DAYS IN THE COMMUNIQUE ON THE

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